



WHAT IS AMBER ALERT OF MICHIGAN

Michigan's Amber Alert is a partnership between law enforcement and the media to help in the immediate dissemination of information to the public about an endangered missing child. Michigan's Amber Alert is supported by the Michigan Department of State Police, the Michigan Department of Transportation, the Michigan Sheriff's Association, the Michigan Association of Chiefs of Police and the Michigan Association of Broadcasters.

HOW LAW ENFORCEMENT ACTIVATE MICHIGAN'S AMBER ALERT

An endangered missing person under 17 years of age is reported to law enforcement, and one or more of the following circumstances exist;

- **The child suffers from a severe mental or physical disability that greatly impairs the child's ability to care for him/herself.**
- **The child is a victim of stranger or acquaintance kidnapping.**
(MCL 750.349) Stranger kidnapping is defined as a child being taken against his/her will by a stranger. Acquaintance kidnapping is defined as a child being taken against his/her will by an acquaintance of the child or the child's family.
- **The child is in the company of a person who has a confirmed criminal history of child abuse/neglect, sexual assault, domestic assault, or a crime involving the victimization of children, or has made statements of intent to harm the missing child, or is suicidal.**
- **The child has been abducted by a non-custodial parent whose parental rights have been terminated by a court.**

Amber Alert cannot be activated for a runaway child or a child who is a victim of a parental abduction involved in a civil dispute.

1. The law enforcement agency investigating the endangered missing child case contacts the Michigan State Police, supplying information on the case. The Michigan State Police activate Amber Alert of Michigan by giving information on the endangered missing child to area broadcasters.
2. Broadcasters immediately break broadcasting after learning of the Amber Alert of Michigan activation. Broadcasters supply the listening public information on the endangered missing child.
3. The Public actively searches for the endangered missing child after hearing the Amber Alert of Michigan activation on radio or television.